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ELECTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 43 OF THE CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, OF NINE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, TO REPLACE THOSE WHOSE TERMS ARE DUE TO EXPIRE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2005

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. The present addendum contains additional nominations for election to the Committee on the Rights of the Child received after 3 November 2004, which was the date referred to by the Secretary-General in his note verbale dated 3 September 2004 and in conformity with article 43, paragraph 4, of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. All nominations submitted before 3 November 2004 are contained in document CRC/SP/35. Additional nominations submitted after this date are also contained in document CRC/C/35/Add.1 and Add.2. Biographical data of the persons nominated, as furnished by the States parties concerned, are contained in the annex to the present document.

Name of candidate	Nominated by
Joyce ALUOCH	Kenya
Noro Vololona HARIMISA RAZAFINDRAKOTO	Madagascar
Sylvie KAYITESI ZAINABO	Rwanda

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Annex

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA OF NOMINEES

Joyce ALUOCH (Kenya)

Date and place of birth: 22 October 1947, Kisumu, Kenya

Working languages: English, Kiswahili

Current position/function:

Currently the Presiding Judge, Civil Division, High Court of Kenya. Prior to that was the Head of the Family Division. Duties included determining the rights of children in matrimonial disputes and succession, implementing the provisions of the Kenya Children Act, and training judges and magistrates in the provisions of the Act.

Main professional activities:

Chairperson, Kenya Women Judges Association, which is responsible for training judicial officers in international humanitarian law and human rights law. Member, Governing Council of the National Research Centre in Kenya, which is responsible for conducting research in crime including juvenile delinquency. Regional coordinator for African Women Judges for purposes of collaboration and comparison of issues affecting women and children in Africa. Chairperson, Committee on Establishment of Family Division, which is responsible for overseeing the work in family law matters.

Educational background:

- LLB, University of Nairobi;
- Diploma in Legal Studies, Kenya School of Law;
- Higher School Certificate obtained from Limuru Girls' School;
- Ordinary Level School Certificate from Butere Girls' School.

Other main activities:

- Vice-Chairperson, United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child;
- First Chairperson of Committee of African Union Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;
- Responsible for formulating rules of practice and procedure and implementing the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child;

- One of the five judges of the International Tribunal for Children's Rights, who articulate the rights of war-affected children and make appropriate recommendations for action by various organizations;

- Board member, Olive Baden Powell Society, which raises funds worldwide for activities of Girl Guides, which include training and HIV/AIDS prevention programmes.

Most recent publications:

- The Jurisdiction of the High Court Under the Kenya Children Act;

- A Comparison of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the African Charter;

- Responding to the plight of girls and women in Africa;

- Numerous judgements prepared and delivered in guardianship, maintenance, adoption of children etc. cases.

Noro Vololona HARIMISA RAZAFINDRAKOTO (Madagascar)

Date and place of birth: 5 November 1957, Antananarivo

Working language: French

Present position:

Judge, Director of Studies at the National School for Judges and Court Officials (ENMG) and instructor in the juvenile affairs department, having been a juvenile judge for seven years in the court of first instance in Tamatave.

Main professional activities:

- Programming, monitoring and evaluation of initial and in-service training of judges at ENMG;
- Training of student judges in the work of juvenile judges;
- Direction of in-service training sessions for judges on the topic of children's rights.

Schooling:

- University of Madagascar: master's degree in private law, 1982; certificate of the Institute of Judicial Studies, 1983;
- Training in juvenile-court work and the protection of children in the court of major jurisdiction in Saint-Pierre, La Réunion (1996) and in juvenile justice at France's Ecole Nationale de la Magistrature (ENM), followed by practical training in the court of major jurisdiction in Créteil (1997); courses for teachers of juvenile justice at ENM (1998 and 2003).

Other main activities of relevance to the mandate of the Committee on the Rights of the Child:

- Contribution to the drafting of the NGO national plan of action for children for the years 1990 and 1992;
- Participation: (1) in the round table on the drafting of the national progress report on violence against women and girls (2003); (2) in the national workshop on the adoption of measures of protection and educational assistance for child victims of abuse and violence (2004); (3) in the national workshop on the application of the Convention on the Rights of the Child in domestic legislation on international adoption (2004); and (4) in a number of regional and national workshops and seminars on the protection of children and combating child labour;

- **Creation of an association for the social reintegration of child convicts in Tamatave and member of the committee of the training workshop for girls of the Protestant Church of Jesus Christ in Tamatave.**

List of most recent publications in this field:

Teaching materials deposited in the ENMG library, including:

- A discussion of the phenomenon of child abuse (2004);
- A summary report on the protection of child victims of ill-treatment, violence and sexual abuse (in-service training of judges at ENMG) (2002);
- A juvenile judge's handbook (initial training of judges) (2000-2001).

Sylvie KAYITESI ZAINABO (Rwanda)

Marital status: Married with four children

Date of birth: 27 May 1962

Place of birth: Rutonde-Kibungo

Schooling:

- Social humanities, Karubanda school, Butare;
- Baccalaureate in law, National University of Rwanda;
- Bachelor's degree in law, National University of Rwanda.

Professional experience:

- 17 January 2003 to present: President of the National Commission on Human Rights;
- 19 March 2000 to 15 November 2002: Minister of the Civil Service and Labour;
- 8 February 1999 to 19 March 2000: Secretary of State in the Ministry of Land, Resettlement and Environmental Protection;
- October 1996 to 8 February 1999: Associate protection officer in the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) (National Officer).

Main functions in this post:

- Analysis of laws, regulations and customs and proposal of guidance thereon;
- Legal advice on questions of concern to the Office (legal actions against UNHCR, contracts, etc.);
- Liaison with other sections of the central office and field offices;
- Study, preparation and monitoring of training in laws and customs;
- Drafting of correspondence on problems connected with the protection of refugees;
- November 1992 to February 1994: head of personnel and of the transport service in the Gikongoro agricultural development project.

Main functions in this post:

- Coordination of the activities of the personnel and transport services;
- Management of staff administrative and financial files;
- Maintenance of personnel files;
- Monitoring of dispute proceedings.

July 1991 to August 1992: **Head of the Administrative Police and Criminal Investigation Division of Kigali prefecture**

Main functions in this post:

- Coordination of the Division's activities;
- Administrative organization of the police force;
- Representation of the prefecture in judicial proceedings;
- Legal advice.

July 1989 to June 1991: **Legal adviser to the Workers' Federation of Rwanda (CESTRAR)**

Main functions in this post:

- Coordination of legal work;
- Acting as workers' lawyer;
- Legal advice;
- Hearing and resolution of workers' grievances;
- Participation in the conduct of training sessions and seminars for trade-union members.

Other experience:

- Member of the drafting committee for the matrimonial, succession and gifts act, from 1996 to 1998;
- Member of the Higher Council of the Public Prosecutor's Department;
- Member of the Higher Council of the Magistrature;
- Member of the African Peer Review national commission.

Areas of training:

- Protection of refugees;
- Planning with a human face;
- Gender issues;
- Resettlement of refugees;
- Information technology: Windows, MS Word, MS Excel;
- "The seven habits".

Attendance at meetings (the most important and recent):

- International Conference on climate change, Bonn, November 1999;
- OAU Labour and Social Affairs Commission, Algiers, April 2000;
- Eighty-eighth session of the International Labour Conference, Geneva, June 2000;
- Fourth Regional Conference of the Network of African Women Ministers and Parliamentarians, Windhoek, July 2000;
- Third Biennial Pan-African Conference of Ministers of Civil Service, Windhoek, February 2001;
- Eighty-ninth session of the International Labour Conference, Geneva, June 2001;
- Ninetieth session of the International Labour Conference, Geneva, June 2002;
- Fifth Regional Conference of the Network of African Women Ministers and Parliamentarians, Cape Verde, October 2002;
- Regional seminar on African capacity-building with respect to e-governance (e-Africa), South Africa, October 2002;
- Fifty-ninth session of the Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, April 2003;
- Human rights conference of French-speaking countries, Brazzaville, 23 April to 1 May 2003;
- Thirty-fourth regular session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, Banjul, 6 to 20 November 2003;
- Sixtieth session of the Commission on Human Rights, Geneva, April 2004.